St Peter and St Paul Catholic Academy

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Academy Newsletter

PTA

Christmas Raffle

Today each child will be coming home with £10 worth of raffle tickets for you and your child to sell. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the PTA Funds.

All you need to do is ensure your 10 stubs are filled out correctly and your £10 is returned along with your stubs in the envelope provided. Please return all sold tickets to the class teacher or the Academy office.

We will be running a competition to see which class can sell the most tickets. The winning class will win a reward that their teachers will pick for them.

Please also return any unsold tickets so that we can try and sell them elsewhere.

We have more tickets available at the office if needed and thank you so much for your support in our fundraising efforts!

Academy Attendance:

EYFS - 98.0%

Year 1 - 93.7%

Year 2 - 96.3%

Year 3 - 98.0%

Year 4 – 97.9%

Year 5 – 94.4%

Year 6 – 96.1%

Overall Academy Attendance – 96.3%

Our aim is 97%







Friday 16th November 2018

The Academy would like to thank all the children that have taken part today and have come to school in 'spotty' clothing!

We will let know how much money was raised next week as the PTA have been fundraising too!

This will all be donated to Children in Need.

Flu Vaccinations – 22nd November 2018

The nurses will be back in school on Thursday 22nd November to catch up on those children that didn't have their vaccinations. If your child is due to have the catch up vaccination, you would have already received a notification.

We are delighted to have received a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP congratulating us in being in the top 6 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

PLEASE HELP YEAR 4!

Year 4 need your help.

Please can you collect as many small pine cones as you possibly can. The children require them for a project they will be carrying out soon.

Thank you. We are looking forward to showing you what they have created.

We Rise Above Bullying We Choose Respect

As this week is anti-bullying week, the children have been learning about this year's theme 'Respect'.

They have looked at the definition of respect, that we can respectfully disagree with each other and that we all need to respect each other both face to face and online.

Please spend some time talking to your children about these points – particularly cyber bullying. Kidscape's advice to young people is:

'If you wouldn't say it, don't send it'

#DontSayDontSend

Mirs Rodney's Weekly Challenge

Maths Challenge

The perimeter of a rectangle is 40cm. The shorter sides measure 8cm. What is the area of the rectangle?

Science Challenge

Do spiders have muscles?



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP Minister of State for School Standards

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Mrs Joanna Seymour St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School St Paul's Wood Hill Orpington BR5 2SR

8 November 2018

Dear Mrs Seymour

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2018 phonics screening check.

Achieving early fluency in decoding is a necessary first step in acquiring the key skill of reading.

There is a significant body of evidence that demonstrates that systematic phonics is the most effective method for teaching early reading. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 97 per cent of pupils at St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 6 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 89 per cent of pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading teacher assessment, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in reading, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes. Amendments are in **Green** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

Autumn Term 2018	Key Dates, Class Assemblies and Liturgies
20 th November 2018	Year 5 Hall Place Visit
22 nd November 2018	Year 4 Assembly – Parents/Carers all welcome
23 rd November 2018	PTA – Tombola Donation Day
27 th November 2018	Lille Christmas Market
30 th November 2018	Tuck Shop – PTA
5 th December 2018	Music Showcase at 9.05am – Parent/Carers all welcome
7 th December 2018	Enterprise and Christmas Fair
7 th December 2018	Mass at 11.00am - Parents/Carers all welcome
12 th December 2018	Christmas Lunch (more information to follow)
13 th December 2018	KS1 Christmas Production at 9:45am - Parents/Carers all welcome
14 th December 2018	Tuck Shop - PTA
18 th December 2018	KS2 Christmas Production at 9:45am - Parents/Carers all welcome
19 th December 2018	EYFS Nativity at 9:45am - Parents/Carers all welcome
21st December 2018	Winter Celebration (more information to follow)
21st December 2018	Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day
21st December 2018	Last Day of Term – Stars will close at 4.30pm